

## Occupational Board Reform Act Survey

Provide an explanation for why you believe or do not believe that the occupational regulations overseen by your board have been effective.

The purpose of the Physician Assistant Committee, sub-committee or the Board of Medicine and Surgery, is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public as prescribed in the Uniform Credentialing Act.

A physician assistant (PA) will practice medicine as part of a health care team which includes at least one physician. PAs will practice in a number of different specialties, clinical settings, and geographic locations. Practicing medicine can be described as to diagnose and treat patients by means of ordering diagnostic tests and prescribing medications. The occupational regulations overseen by the board effectively monitor the minimum standards of proficiency and competency for PAs to practice medicine in the state of Nebraska. The Board has effectively applied penalties to those PAs performing duties which may cause harm to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Nebraska. The regulations overseen by the Board also advise and recommend changes to regulations which aide in improving practice environments for PAs to further increase access to care, alleviate physician work-load, and improve provider competency.

Provide a comparison of whether and how other states regulate the occupation.

The Federation of State Medical Boards ([www.fsmb.org](http://www.fsmb.org)) is an excellent resource for comparing and contrasting how other states regulate this occupation.

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